MISSION
The Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) is ending modern slavery through education, advocacy, partnerships, and empowering survivors of human trafficking.

VISION FOR IMPACT
Creating an innovative bridge between practice and policy, CAST provides evidence driven, comprehensive services to human trafficking survivors, empowering them to become partners and leaders in the field, which leads to systemic changes in attitudes, laws, and policies that allow modern slavery to persist.

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Though leading CAST is hardly an easy job, I consider myself extremely lucky to have it. Every day, I am inspired by the survivors we support, by the staff who drive our work, and by the members of our community who commit their time, talent, and resources to making our impact possible. The commitment and bravery of our community keeps me going on this uphill climb.

CAST staff and survivors are some of the most fearless people you’ll ever meet. In the face of circumstances that would shake anyone else’s faith in humanity, they choose to see possibility, and the potential for leadership and change. For 20 years CAST has been leading this charge, and I couldn’t be more proud to play a part in it.

We did something different in this year’s report, sharing the journeys of survivors through their direct experiences so you have a sense of exactly how our work impacts real people. I encourage you to spend some time with these stories. Try to put yourself in their shoes, imagine how scared they must have been as they fled their traffickers, consider how foreign a life of freedom must have felt after years of captivity and abuse, reflect on the hope they must feel as they rebuild their lives. Then look again at the impact we are having, think about the fact that by working with CAST, survivors become leaders and change agents. I hope it will give you the same inspiration that I am blessed to feel every day.

With gratitude,

Kay Buck
CEO

1,316 SURVIVORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS SERVED
9% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR
258 SURVIVORS LEADING SYSTEMIC CHANGE
OUR STORY
INVESTING IN SURVIVORS FOR
OVER 20 YEARS

OUR WORK INCLUDES:

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
Identify and emancipate trafficking victims

**HOUSING**
Create safety and stability

**CASE MANAGEMENT**
Address survivors’ trauma and prepare them for independence

**LEGAL SERVICES**
Ensure the rights, protections, and resources survivors need to thrive

**PARTNERSHIPS**
Expand access to services and justice for survivors

**LEADERSHIP/ADVOCACY**
Empower survivors to transform their pain into a force for good

LET US INTRODUCE YOU TO SURVIVORS

Modern slavery pervades Los Angeles. Victims of labor trafficking wash dishes at our favorite restaurants and clean the rooms of local motels, pick the tomatoes we savor, and care for families who in turn exploit them. We may have no idea that there are victims of sex trafficking at the truck stop we pass on our commute, or at the new gas up the block. We may not see them, but the suffering of trafficking victims could not be more real. With a homelessness crisis like we are seeing in LA today, it becomes all the more common.

In 1995, 72 Thai workers were discovered living in slavery and debt bondage in our city, a wakeup call for our community that led to Cast’s formation. The organization quickly became an innovator in the field, opening the first-ever shelter exclusively for trafficking victims, establishing the largest co-located anti-trafficking partnership between law enforcement and service providers in the country, and creating a leadership model that empowers survivors to be our most valuable partners in creating the solutions to end human trafficking.

Today, in partnership with over 3,000 cultural and faith-based community groups, healthcare organizations, government agencies and law enforcement, Cast identifies victims, helps them escape trafficking, and supports them at every phase of the journey to reestablish their freedom and independence. Every year, thousands of survivors are free as a result of Cast’s impact.
CHAPTER 1:

Living on the streets of Los Angeles, Sonya’s life was a moment-to-moment struggle, trapped by abuse at the hands of her trafficker who was selling her body. Sonya’s trafficker could see that her childhood in a shelter left her craving stability, and filled her head with sweet-sounding lies to gain her trust.

The day she summoned the courage to leave him, she walked into a homeless shelter, but the staff said her arrest record would keep her from staying. They didn’t understand that prostitution hadn’t been a choice, and that a shelter was her only way out. She finally found a shelter that would take her, at the recommendation of the local police department, but even there the staff treated her as a curiosity—they didn’t understand the deep trauma trafficking imparted on its survivors.

Finally, a Good Samaritan connected her with the CAST 24 hour hotline. Within hours, Sonya was sitting down with the housing manager at CAST’s transitional shelter, Mariposa Haven. For the first time, Sonya felt understood. Fragile at first and spiraling into desperation at every setback, she slowly began to develop her resilience with the tireless support of CAST’s specially trained staff.

FREEDOM STARTS WITH A CALL

HOTLINE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Providing immediate, around-the-clock response through its 24/7 hotline, our emergency response team springs into action to ensure survivor safety and well-being.

IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD

888-539-2373 HOTLINE NUMBER
CHARTING A PATH FORWARD

CHAPTER 2:
The CAST shelter and support services gave Sonya her first sense of stability in years. She began to think about a future for herself and her two small children, and learned that CAST could get her a full scholarship through Paul Mitchell Schools.

Working in a salon, helping people feel confident and express themselves — that was a career Sonya could be proud of, and that she could use to save for her children’s college. She enrolled, knowing it would be a long road ahead.

She wasn’t just going to be a stylist, she was going to be a Paul Mitchell stylist, and that took work.

Of course, nothing came easily. Some days she couldn’t shake memories of her old life. Other days she was exhausted from raising her children and the work of healing. Still, a better life for her children beckoned.

NOTHING COMES EASY

CHAPTER 3:
Living on the street, you learn how to run, and once you develop that instinct, it’s tough to shake. One day, the fighting back just became too hard. Sonya only had about two months left at Paul Mitchell Schools, but it might as well have been two decades. She ran.

She needed the regular income and self-confidence of a steady job to head out on her own. Neither CAST staff nor Paul Mitchell teachers could force her to go back, but they could remind her that they believed in her and offer her the chance to return to school any time, no questions asked.

SHELTER

Trafficing survivors often face circumstances that prevent them from accessing other shelters (most notably convictions from crimes their traffickers forced them to commit). In partnership with LA Mayor Garcetti and Councilwoman Nury Martinez, Cast opened a new emergency shelter this year. Today, CAST’s shelters give survivors a stable home and crucial support while they get back on their feet.

56% of CAST clients report having a criminal record as a result of their trafficking.

65% of survivors are homeless when they call the hotline.
BELIEVING IN OUR CLIENTS

CHAPTER 4:

With Cast’s unconditional love and persistence, Sonya went back. Those last 300 hours were intense, but she had the Cast and Paul Mitchell support network, and she was determined to give her children a new life.

Today, she’s working in a high-end salon in Los Angeles and launching her own style brand. Her customers don’t know her story, they just know that when you go to see Sonya, you go home feeling ready to take on the world. Her children are her inspiration. She is determined to show them what hard work leads to, and to instill in them the value of giving back. Because of this, the most important hair Sonya works on belongs to the women and girls back at the shelter and on Skid Row, where she braids every chance she gets.

1,861 HOURS
INVESTED SONYA’S TRANSFORMATION.
EVERY SECOND WAS WORTH IT.

AFTER GRADUATING

100% 100%
have safe housing with 97% of Cast clients in permanent homes. have medical access

90% are in school or employed

YEAR 1 YEAR 2 TODAY
CHAPTER 1:
Sebastian’s childhood was stolen from him. Growing up in Guatemala, his father and his traffickers would beat or starve him if he didn’t complete his field work. Forced out of school, his father conspired with traffickers to hire a coyote and send him to the U.S., so that he could send money back to the family. Arriving as an unaccompanied minor at the border, ICE apprehended Sebastian and placed him in a group home, as they do with thousands of young people every year. Just months before his 16th birthday, Sebastian was referred to CAST by a partner agency. He was skeptical that things could get better, but how could this possibly be worse than life under the thumb of traffickers?

TRAFFICKING KNOWS NO BORDERS
CAST SERVES SURVIVORS FROM OVER 70 COUNTRIES
CONTINUED

CHAPTER 3: "The Rise of the Legal Industry" (cont.)

Faced with the challenges of a rapidly changing legal landscape, Cast saw an opportunity to leverage its expertise in a novel way. By focusing on pro bono legal services, it was able to provide free legal aid to those who could not otherwise afford it. This not only expanded its client base but also attracted a diverse group of attorneys looking to make a difference.

$2,464,823
DONATED FROM PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES

96% SUCCESSFUL EXPONENTIALS

100% CLIENTS OFFERED VICTIMS' ATTORNEYS

100% COURT PREPAREDNESS LEAGUE APPEALS

96% TYPICAL SECURED

$2.41 M
ORDERED IN RESTITUTION
MEETING SURVIVORS WHERE THEY ARE

CHAPTER 3:
Through case management, CAST quickly set about connecting Sebastian to supports that would help him get his feet under him and integrate him into the community. He got glasses and dental care that he had been denied since birth, as well as ongoing medical care. Suddenly, a life beyond day-to-day struggle seemed possible.

COMPREHENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT
Cast has developed a comprehensive, trauma-informed and victim-centered Case Management Program that empowers survivors of human trafficking through a coordinated continuum of care. We offer tailored case management for several populations with unique needs, such as youth survivors.

YOUTH SERVICES
Youth trafficking victims carry the trauma they experience throughout their lives. However, they are also the hardest group to get into services and to keep engaged. CAST’s youth program gives youth survivors hope, but also the opportunity to connect with peers and even have a little fun, so they can recapture some portion of their childhoods.

FINDING A NEW PATH

CHAPTER 4:
Today, Sebastian is living with family in Los Angeles and heavily involved in CAST youth services. He is working hard in school, and even gets to have simple childhood joys like an ice skating party with friends. After nearly two years of support, he is daring to dream of a better future for himself, and he knows that CAST will always be there for him as he makes that dream a reality.
MEET ALICE

CHAPTER 1:
Alice’s story is a reminder of the importance of collaboration in eradicating human trafficking in our region. Raped and forced into the commercial sex trade, she faced daily abuse by her trafficker.

TOGETHER TOWARDS FREEDOM

CHAPTER 2:
The Los Angeles Regional Human Trafficking Task Force, which Cast leads with the Sheriff’s Department and the US Attorney’s Office, was essential to Alice’s path to freedom. She was first identified through the Task Force, and its training and collaboration helped investigators to understand that she needed immediate trauma-informed care. Cast responded to Alice’s safety and health, while the Sheriff’s Office investigated and arrested her trafficker. Thanks to District Attorney Jackie Lacey’s leadership, her team won a conviction, while Cast attorneys provided Alice essential support to testify against her trafficker and protected her privacy.

HARD WORK PAYS OFF

CHAPTER 3:
Alice was awarded substantial restitution based on legislation Cast helped pass. Not only does she have financial resources to rebuild her life; she participates in Cast youth programs, which help her set goals and a career trajectory. Today, she has a steady, rewarding job, and an infant daughter who brings her endless joy.

MULTIPLYING OUR IMPACT

Human trafficking exists at the intersection of many of the most critical issues of our time: homelessness, poverty, immigration, LGBTQ rights, disabilities, access to health care, and others. Cast relies on an incredible constellation of 3,007 partners, who form a powerful regional movement serving marginalized Angelenos.

LA REGIONAL TASK FORCE

Co-founded by CAST with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, the Task Force coordinates a regional response to trafficking, ensuring that service providers and criminal justice agencies have full access to each others’ expertise and leadership.

11.5%
More clients were identified through Cast’s partnership with Task Force.

NATIONAL SURVIVOR NETWORK

The National Survivors Network (NSN) is a platform for survivor leaders to make change at the local, state, and national level.

LEGAL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

In the past year alone, Cast trained 337 attorneys and service providers in 30 states. Cast provided 900 technical assistance consultations, 15% more than last year.
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF IMPACT

HONOREES
VISIONARY AWARD: Wynn Claybaugh, Paul Mitchell Schools Founder and Co-owner
CHARITY AWARD: Lorenzo Berrino, Survivor Leader
FOUNDER’S CHANGEMAKER HONOREES:
CELEBRATING 30 ACTIVISTS AND CELEBRITIES TO COMMEMORATE CAST’S 20TH ANNIVERSARY
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IN THE MEDIA
As a leader in the growing national movement to combat human trafficking, CAST has caught the eye of local and national media sources. The sources where our work was featured in the past year include:

FINANCIAL
We increased Program Services by 64% this year alone! All while maintaining a steady budget for Administration and Fundraising.

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